



WEEKLY TEAM SUMMARY REPORT- March 27, 2009

Team: Social Services and Homelessness

Attendees:

Dana Jackson, Making Connections
Tina Heavrin, Louisville Metro
Mary Elizabeth Miles, Louisville Metro
Brooke Searcy, Louisville Metro
Regina Warren, Louisville Metro
Nicole Ivory, DON/OYD
Jeff Hollis, Goodwill Industries

Mary Francis Schafer, COH
Marlene Gordon, COH
Becky Ritchie, 4-C
Judith Bloor, Home of the Innocents
Steve Williams, Home of the Innocents
Sharon Duke, Goodwill Industries
Jeff Been, Legal Aide Society

Patricia Cummings, Community Volunteer
Matt Yates, Salvation Army
Major Keath Biggers, Salvation Army
Andy Patterson, Phoenix Health Center
Edgardo Mansilla, Americana Community Ctr.
Gordon Brown, Home of the Innocents

- Team was informed of the following Childcare Updates:
 - Jeff Been, distributed Eligibility Guidelines for National Caregivers Fund
 - Becky Ritchie and Mary Elizabeth Miles met and determined a referral process between 4-C's and CAP, to eliminate childcare gaps (job seekers, individuals in substance abuse treatment programs, individuals starting a job and have not yet received paycheck, college students not working, etc.)
 - Dana Jackson met with individuals from the Finance Project and distributed a memo regarding examples of State/Local Use of funds for Afterschool Activities, etc.
- Team discussed how to view the big picture of all funds entering the community for Homeless Prevention and how it ties into the Homelessness Prevention/Emergency Shelter Grant.
 - Team discussed Homeless Providers which are Emergency Shelter (\$522,171) & Continuum of Care (\$ 7,611,154)
 - Team discussed the Gaps for Homeless Prevention and they are the following:
HUD's definition of who is homeless, the services which stabilizes them and keeps them functional (substance abuse, etc.), and eligibility for permanent supportive housing (have to be disabled).
- Team agreed that Stimulus funds should be used to help create or improve infrastructure and a process that will be able to leverage additional long term funding for the homeless population in our community, such as a central intake system.
- Team reviewed a summary of the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program and a Timeline to execute expenditure of funds.
- Team discussed opportunities and they are the following: upgrade HMIS (current tracking system) and a single point of entry to homeless service system.
- Team agreed to provide Regina Warren with questions to place on the Question and Answer section of the HPRP website by Wednesday, April 1, 2009 and to move forward with the Timeline.
- Team was informed that the meeting for April 3, 2009 is cancelled due to Louisville Metro's Furlough day and Spring Break. Group will re-convene on April 10, 2009.